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E. O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: ISRAEL, THE PLO, AND "TWIN CITIES" MONEY

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1. IN RECENT CONVERSATION ON ECONOMIC MATTERS IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, EMBOFF ASKED MFA REPRESENTATIVE TO MILITARY GOVERNMENT (GONEN) TO COMMENT ON SEEMING CONTRADICTION BETWEEN (A) THE GOI AGREEMENT TO PERMIT WEST BANK/GAZA ARABS TO RECEIVE "TWIN-CITIES" FUNDS (REFTEL), WHICH ARE APPARENTLY CONNECTED WITH PLO AND (B) GOI POLICY TO REJECT ANY DEALINGS WITH THE PLO.

2. GONEN RESPONDED THAT IT IS BETTER FOR SUCH MONEY TO BE SPENT FOR NEEDED DEVELOPMENT THAN FOR MORTARS AND EXPLOSIVES. HE ADDED THAT THE ARAB FUNDS ARE SUBTRACTED FROM FINANCIAL SUPPORT THEY WOULD HAVE GIVEN TO THE PLO, AND IN A SENSE CONSTITUTE A

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WEAKENING OF ARAB SUPPORT FOR THAT ORGANIZATION. GONEN ALSO SAID THAT THE ARAB STATES HAVE INSISTED THAT THEIR MONEY BE CHANNELED THROUGH AMMAN, WHERE THE KING CAN KEEP CONTROL OVER IT, AND FURTHERMORE, THE JORDANIANS HAVE TAKEN THE POSITION THAT NO FUNDS CAN LEAVE AMMAN BANKS EXCEPT FOR USE ON ISRAELI-APPROVED PROJECTS. WHEN ASKED WHETHER WEST BANKERS

AND GAZANS NEVERTHELESS GIVE CREDIT TO THE PLO FOR THE "TWIN-CITIES" MONEY, GONEN RESPONDED THAT THEY ARE FREE TO THINK AS THEY WISH, BUT THAT THE ISRAELI POLICY OF NOT DEALING WITH THE PLO WAS NOT AT ALL COMPROMISED BY THE TWIN-CITIES PROGRAM. LEWIS

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